ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

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KODIAK COMMERCIAL SALMON FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT # 29 For Emergency Order #4-FS-K-29-13

There will be a **24-hour** extension to the current commercial salmon fishing period from **9:00** p.m. Tuesday July 30 to **9:00** p.m. Wednesday, July 31 in the following areas:

- The **Northwest Kodiak District** (except the **Terror** and **Uyak Bay** sections <u>will</u> remain closed);
- The Northwest Afognak, Southwest Afognak, Southeast Afognak, and Raspberry Straits sections of Afognak District; and
- The Outer Ayakulik and Halibut Bay sections of the Southwest Kodiak District.

As Previously Announced:

The following areas will close at 9:00 p.m. Tuesday July 30:

- The Shuyak Island, Pauls, Perenosa, Northeast Afognak, and Duck Bay Section of the Afognak District; and
- The **Izhut Bay Section north of a line from Haystack Rock** (at 58° 10.58' N lat., 152° 17.36' W long.) **to Pillar Cape** (at 58° 08.90' N lat., 152° 06.77' W long.).

The following areas are currently scheduled to close at 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 31:

- The Eastside Kodiak District:
- The Northeast Kodiak District, and
- The **Humpy-Deadman Section** of the **Alitak District**.

Closed waters will be <u>increased</u>, for commercial salmon fishing to the **normal closed waters in Saltery Cove** at **9:00 p.m. Wednesday July 31.**

Closed waters will be <u>increased</u>, for subsistence salmon fishing to the **normal closed waters in Buskin River** (stream# 259-211) at **12:01 a.m. Thursday August 1.**

The following areas remain **open until further notice**:

- The Spiridon Bay Special Harvest Area.

Closed Water Adjustments:

Closed waters are **reduced until further notice** in the following locations:

In Saltery Cove, for subsistence fishing, at Saltery Creek (stream# 259-415), at the exit channel terminus at the ocean shoreline.

In that portion of the Northwest Kodiak and Southwest Kodiak districts south of the latitude of Cape Kuliuk, <u>until further notice</u>, Chinook (king) salmon 28 inches or greater in length may not be retained by purse seine gear in the commercial salmon fishery and must be returned to the water unharmed.

To ensure **Chinook** (**king**) salmon brood stock collection at Monashka Creek, **that portion of the Monashka/Mill Bay Section of the Northeast Kodiak District** bounded by the latitude of **Spruce Cape** and the latitude of **Termination Point** until **August 1, 2013 king salmon may not be retained in the subsistence fishery** and must be returned to the water unharmed.

Other closed waters are as shown on the Kodiak Area Salmon Statistical Chart and detailed in the Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations (5AAC 18.350).

Statistical Charts, Harvest Strategies, and Commercial Salmon Fishing Regulations are available at the Kodiak Fish and Game office. Recent salmon fishery information may be obtained by calling the Department's 24-hour record-a-phone at 486-4559.